

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 have previously been withdrawn, claim 19 has previously been canceled, and claims 12-18 and 20 are allowed. By this amendment, claim 21 has been amended to more particularly define the claimed subject matter, and new claim 23 has been added. No new matter has been introduced. Hence, claims 12-18 and 20-23 are pending in this application. Favorable reconsideration of this application, as currently amended, and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject matter

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 12-18 and 20 are allowed.

Claims 21 and 22 have been rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Gilbert, USP 4,012,652.

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for the reasons discussed below.

Claim 21 of the present application has been amended to include the limitation of "... to constitute an enclosed columnar portion of said stator when said first and second parts are correspondingly combined together." Support for this limitation can be found on page 7, lines 8-17 or in Figs. 3A~3D and 4~6 of the present application.

In contrast, Applicants submit that it is obvious, in FIGs. 2 and 5 of Gilbert, the columnar portion stated by the Examiner is not enclosed, or does not form a complete

post. Thus, Applicants submit that Gilbert does not teach “... the bent extending portions constituting an enclosed columnar portion of said stator when said first and second parts are correspondingly combined together.” For the reasons stated above, Applicants submit that claim 21 is allowable over Gilbert. Since claim 22 depends from claim 21, Applicants further submit that claim 22 is also allowable, for at least the reasons discussed above.

Newly added claim 23 includes a limitation of “the tops of the bent extending portions of the first part extend to the same plane of the second middle portion, and the tops of the bent extending portions of the second part extend to the same plane of the first middle portion.” In contrast, Applicants submit that it is obvious, in FIGs. 1-2, 8 and 9 of Gilbert, the pole teeth 1C on of the part 1a and 1b does not extend to the opposite base plate thereof, which may cause magnetic field locally not continuous and uniform. Thus, Applicants submit that claim 23 is also allowable over Gilbert.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request allowance of claims 5, 8 and 11 and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability. However, should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2394.

Respectfully submitted,

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